

Sailing 13 December 2020

Summer Series 5

It was very windy today, with a south-westerly that gusted and swung. A fairly simple course was set that used most of the pond. It was feared that the start line would be a bit short for the 14 boats that were racing but it worked out OK.

Alan Smith brought along Sam Hill who sailed Rick Royden's old Readysset now numbered 80.



In **race 1** Reuben Muir, Bruce Watson and Wayne Carkeek got away to the best start (photo above). Bruce took a good lead at the first mark with George Stead and Reuben close together



some way back. Wayne led the rest. Reuben (mid left background above) soon sped away after Bruce (center background). Bruce went to the wrong mark and had to return to be behind Reuben into lap 2. Wayne crossed tacks with Laurie Glover and chased down George to be third behind Reuben and Bruce.

Race 2 was a handicap start and there were six almost identical Readyssets that led around the first mark with Sam in the lead. On the downwind Laurie and Rick Royden were soon amongst



them and at the final mark of lap 1 they rounded together too close (left) with Sam still well ahead and George close behind. Bruce and Reuben were next around that mark in a gust and they collided

(photo below). Bruce took the lead on the windward in lap 2, took out some ducks* going into the downwind and won the race, George and Rick got past Sam for the places.



Laurie led around the first mark in **race 3** with Reuben close behind. Reuben eventually took the win with Wayne also getting past Laurie to be second.

Brian Chrisensen took the early lead around the first marks in **race 4** with Mike Renner following some lengths behind. Sam caught them and took a good sized lead into lap 2 but by the finish Reuben and George had taken the lead and I managed to pass Sam for third.



Race 5 had a group of 5 boats side by side on the downwind (photo above). Reuben led into lap 2 with Wayne close behind. Laurie was not far away and took the lead around the top mark



(above) and took the win from Reuben and Wayne.

Wayne won **race 6** with Alan Smith holding on for second with Reuben third.

Reuben Muir was top boat today, 3 wins and a couple of placings totalled 8 points. **Wayne Carkeek** was second with 11 points from one win and a string of placings. **George Stead** was third with 16 points. Other wins went to **Bruce Watson** and **Laurie Glover**.

There were many collisions in the high wind gusts but no apparent damage.

* More and larger photos will be available mid week or so on [Wayne's Facebook page](#).

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Next Week(s):

December 20: Summer Series 6

December 27: Xmas Break

Januaery 3: New Year Break

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